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OFFICIAL**AMENDMENT under 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 2 January 2003, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 9, and 24 and replace the indicated claims with the following amended claims:

5. (Amended) A method for determining the presence or absence of one or more target compounds in a sample, the method comprising the steps of: